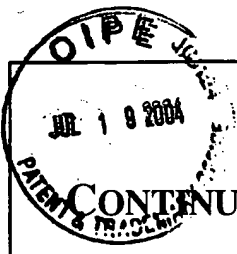


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Application Number	09/956,924
Confirmation Number	2470
Filing Date	September 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hideaki YAGI
Group Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Andrea M. Ragonese
Matter Number	Q66252

Title	OXYGEN ENRICHING APPARATUS, CONTROLLER FOR THE OXYGEN ENRICHING APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR THE CONTROLLER
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 19, 2004
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ Months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 and a check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee (for two (2) months) of \$420.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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Signature <u></u>	Date <u>July 19, 2004</u>